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On 9 January 1954, the Tauntzien Kaserne in Stendal was occupied to capacity by 1,500 to 1,800 troops with black-bordered black epaulets, some with black-bordered crimson epaulets. At 10:45 a.m., 50 to 60 soldiers, including 10 to 15 with black-bordered black epaulets and the others wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, marched from the installation to the training grounds on Wend Strasse for firing practice. At about 11:45 a.m., they returned to the installation. Telephone lines were strung on masts from the Tauntzien Kaserne toward Fliegerhorst Borstel by an undetermined number of soldiers, and, by another 12 soldiers, from the obstacle course between the railroad line and the Tauntzien Kaserne to the training grounds on Wend Strasse. At about 12:30 p.m., about 10 soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets carrying spades and squared lumber left the installation toward Fliegerhorst Borstel. The lumber was one meter long and had an iron pike at one end. The garages were occupied by 54 trucks, and 10 amphibious cars were standing in a newly constructed wooden shed.

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Comment. Compared with the last report of late December 1953 by the same source, the information indicates that the occupation of the Tauntzien Kaserne apparently did not change.

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